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Roberto Mussenden
Public Safety Homeland Security Bureau
Federal Communications Commission

RE: Update on State of Tennessee Highway Patrol Waiver Request

Dear Sir.

On September 5, 2012 the State of Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) received a 12 month waiver to the January 1, 2013 Narrowbanding deadline. I would like to give you an update concerning our Statewide P25 implementation.

We have faced some SHPO delays relating to several of our new towers that are being constructed for Phase 1 of the project. We are pleased to say that those delays have been mitigated and we are currently under construction on those sites. We have also put into place a procedure with the SHPO for the towers being constructed during Phase 2 already in progress. We have just received our first MOA from SHPO for the first Phase 2 tower impacted by a Historical issue. This demonstrated that the procedure put into place is working and towers can be constructed in a reasonable time period even if other SHPO issues arise.

We are progressing rapidly with our transition to the Statewide P25 system. The Tennessee Highway Patrol is broken up into eight geographical districts across the State. Currently we have three of those districts on the new P25 system. The last district transitioned to the new system 2 months ahead of schedule. Our next district is projected to be 5 months ahead of schedule providing the weather is normal over the next three months. We are anticipating another four districts to be substantially completed during the calendar year 2014.

Due to the significant progress that we are making on the new P25 system we are requesting that the Federal Communications Commission approve an extension to our current waiver for an additional 12 months until January 1, 2015.

Sincerely,

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